This Page Is Inserted by IFW Operations and is not a part of the Official Record

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images may include (but are not limited to):

- BLACK BORDERS
- TEXT CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- FADED TEXT
- ILLEGIBLE TEXT
- SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- COLORED PHOTOS
- BLACK OR VERY BLACK AND WHITE DARK PHOTOS
- GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

As rescanning documents will not correct images, please do not report the images to the Image Problem Mailbox.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re A	application of:)		
	Marek Zywno)	Examiner:	Not yet assigned
Applic	cation No)	Art Unit:	Not yet assigned
Filed:	February 18, 2004)		
For:	FLUID BEARINGS AND VACUUM CHUCKS AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING SAME)		
P.O. E	nissioner for Patents Box 1450 ndria, Virginia 22313-1450	_)		

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests consideration of the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). Attached are the PTO Forms 1449 and Forms 892 from the parent application filed on February 13, 1998 (Serial No. 09/023,376) and from the divisional applications filed on November 5, 1999 (Serial No. 09/434,600) and December 31, 2001 (Serial No. 10/039,969) and December 19, 2002 (Serial No. 10/324,982). These previous applications are relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120.

Pursuant to C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the references are not being provided herewith since they were previously sent to the Patent and Trademark Office. Please consider these cited documents in the currently pending §1.53(b) divisional application filed on February 18, 2004.

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

"Express Mail" mailing label number: EV 4	409 360 585 US Date of Deposit: F	ebruary 18, 2004
I hereby certify that I am causing this paper of	r fee to be deposited with the United States Postal S	Service "Express
	date indicated above and that this paper or fee has b	een addressed to
the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450	0, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450	
Connie Thayer	Consie Thaser	2-18-04
(Typed or printed name of person	(Signature of person mailing paper or fee)	(Date signed)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited in this statement is material to patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Dated: 2004

James C. Scheller, Jr. Reg. No. 31,195

12400 Wilshire Blvd. Seventh Floor Los Angeles, CA 90025-1026 (408) 720-8300

through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to

applicant.

•• Und	ier th	Paperwork Raductio	in Act of	1: 10 00 5	required to	0 menond b	Patent an	هادی	rk Office: U.S. DEP	ARTMENT	OF COMM	RCE
		for form 1449A/P		- - 2216	A Common	J Tooper C	o a consco		tion unless it conta	ns a valid	OMB control	number.
(Modifi	ied t	by BSTZ 6/30/99)		/	DAppl	ication (Vumber		09/434,600		-	
11	NFC	RMATION DISC	CLOSU	REMAY 162	Filin	g Date				1000	HEC	EIVE
٠ ،	,,,	I EMERI DI AF	PLICE	اي ا	-		1		November 5,			
(use	as	many sheets as	nece:	ssadul .		Named		<u> </u>	Marek Zywno		MAY	1.8.200t
		•		WE CO	·	p Art Ur			3682			
Sheet						miner Na			L. Footland		TO 3600	MAIL ROOM
Sheet		0	7	·	Attor	ney Doc	ket Nur	ber	23227.P0210)		
				U	S. PATEN	I DOCU	MENTS					
Erantinar Initials *		U.S.Patent Docum	nent	N	ame of Patents of Cited Do	e or Applica curnent	nd class	746. class	Date of Publicat Cited Docum MM-DD-YY	ert	Filing Date	if Appropriate
me		5,488,771		Devitt, et al	•		/ -	Icrass.	2/6/199		3/9/	1994
77/1		.,					=		2101199,	<u> </u>	3/9/	1994
			— 									
			-		·							
									·			
				FOR	REIGN PAT	ENT DO	CUMEN	TS				
Examiner		Foreign I	Patent D	cument		7	me of Pater		ficent	Date of F	Publication of	Translation?
Initials *		Office or Country	ł	Vumber	Date						Document DD-YYYY	Yes/No
	_	·										
	_											

											· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
			-		OTHER D	OCUME	UTQ			`		
Examiner		Include name o	of the a	uthor (in CAP				rticle (wh	en appropriate),	title of th	e item	
Initials *		(book, maga	zine, jo	oumal, serial,	symposium city and/or co	, catalog,	etc.), da	te, pagel	(s), volume-issue	number	(s),	Translation? Yes/No
				publisher, c	ally and or d	ountry wn	ere publi	sneg (ir i	cnown).			
	\dashv				-				<u> </u>	-		
												
												1
										:		
												
	_											
Examine: Signature				Fort				Dat		-17-0		1

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Notice of References Cited

Application/Control No. 10/039,969	Applicant(s):Patent Under Reexain Zywno		
Examiner Eric Compton	Art Unit 3726	Page 1 of 1	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document Number Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Date,	Name	Classification	on .
A	3,022,614	2/1962	Dreyfus et al		
В	3,322,598	5/1967	Marks et al		·
С	3,984,039	10/1976	Hawley et al		
D	4,422,893	12/1983	Duchateau et al		
E	4,978,233	12/1990	Stotzel et al		
F	6,012,845	1/2000	Lyon		
G					
н					
ı	·			:	
J					
к					
L					
M				!	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document Number Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Date ,	Country	Name	Classification?
N	55-115973	9/1980	JP	MATSUMOTO	
0	05-044716	2/1993	JP	NIPPON SEIKO	i
Р	09-329129	12/1997	JP	MIZUSAKI	
Q	1,180,597	2/1970	GB	Schafer	
R					
s					
T			:		

NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Include, as applicable: Author, Title, Date, Publisher, Edition or Volume, Pertinent Pages
U	IBM Technical Disclosure. "Air Bearing Construction" Volume 16, Issue 12, May 1, 1974.
٧	
w	
X	

¹ Dates in MM-YYYY format are publication dates.

 $^2\text{Classifications}$ may be U.S. or foreign $^\circ$.

^{*}A copy of this reference is not being furnished with this Office action. See MPEP § 707 05(a).

Notice of References Cited

Application/Control No.

10/324,982

Examiner

Robert C. Watson

Applicant(s)/Patent Under
Reexamination
ZYWNO, MAREK

Page 1 of 1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*		Document Number Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Date MM-YYYY	Name	Classification
	Α	US-4,856,766	08-1989	Huberts, Petrus A. A.	269/21
	В	US-3,833,230	09-1974	Noll, Burton A.	269/21
	С	US-			
	D	US-			
	E	US-			
	F	US-			
	G	US-			
	Н	US-			
	1	US-			
	J	US-			
	к	US-			
	L	US-			
	М	US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

*		Document Number Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Date MM-YYYY	Country	Name	Classification
	N					
	0					
	Р					
	Q					
	R					
	S					
	T					

NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS

*		Include as applicable: Author, Title Date, Publisher, Edition or Volume, Pertinent Pages)								
	U									
	>									
	V									
	X									

*A copy of this reference is not being furnished with this Office action. (See MPEP § 707.05(a).) Dates in MM-YYYY format are publication dates. Classifications may be US or foreign.

Notice of References Cited

Application/Control No.

10/324,982

Examiner

Robert C. Watson

Applicant(s)/Patent Under
Reexamination
ZYWNO, MAREK

Page 1 of 1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*		Document Number Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Date MM-YYYY	Name	Classification
Х	Α	US-5572598	11-1996	Whil et al	-
X	В	US-5488771	02-1996	Devitt et al	-
X	O	US-3022614	02-1962	Dreyfus et al	-
X	D	US-3322598	05-1967	Marks et al	-
X	ш	US-3984039	10-1976	Hawley et al	-
X	F	US-4422893	12-1983	Duchateau et al	-
Х	O	US-4978233	12-1990	Stotzel et al	-
Х	·H	US-6012845	01-2000	Lyon	-
	_	US-			
	7	US-			
	Κ	US-			
	L	US-			
	М	US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

*		Document Number Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Date MM-YYYY	Country	Name	Classification
Х	Ν	55-115973	09-1980	JP	Matsumoto	-
X	0	05-044716	02-1993	JP	Nippon Seiko	-
X	Р	09-329129	12-1997	JP	Mizusaki	-
X	œ	1180597	02-1970	GB	Schafer	-
	R					
	s					
	Т					

NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS

*		Include as applicable: Author, Title Date, Publisher, Edition or Volume, Pertinent Pages)
х	υ	IBM Technical Disclosure. "Air Bearing Construction", Volume 16, Issue 12, May 1, 1974.
	٧	
	W	
	x	

*A copy of this reference is not being furnished with this Office action. (See MPEP § 707.05(a).) Dates in MM-YYYY format are publication dates. Classifications may be US or foreign.